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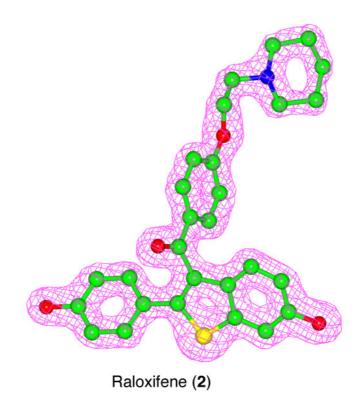
NFκB selectivity of estrogen receptor ligands revealed by comparative crystallographic analyses

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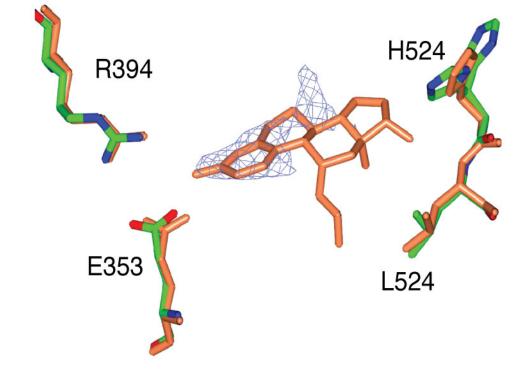
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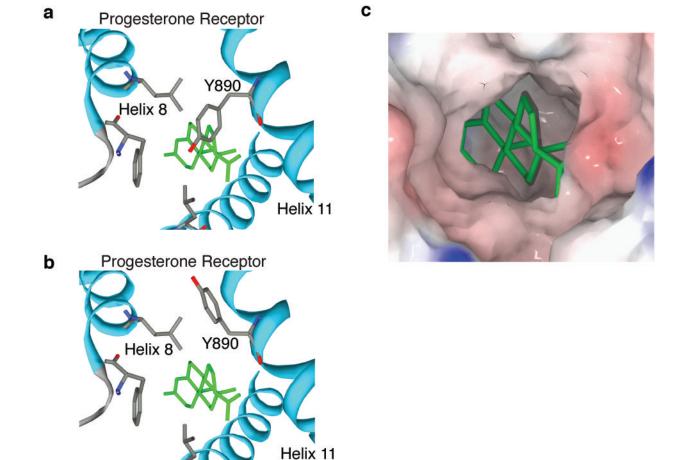
SI Fig 1. Electron Density of Raloxifene bound to ERa LBD Leu-536-Ser.

A 2Fo-Fc map is contoured at 1.8 σ.



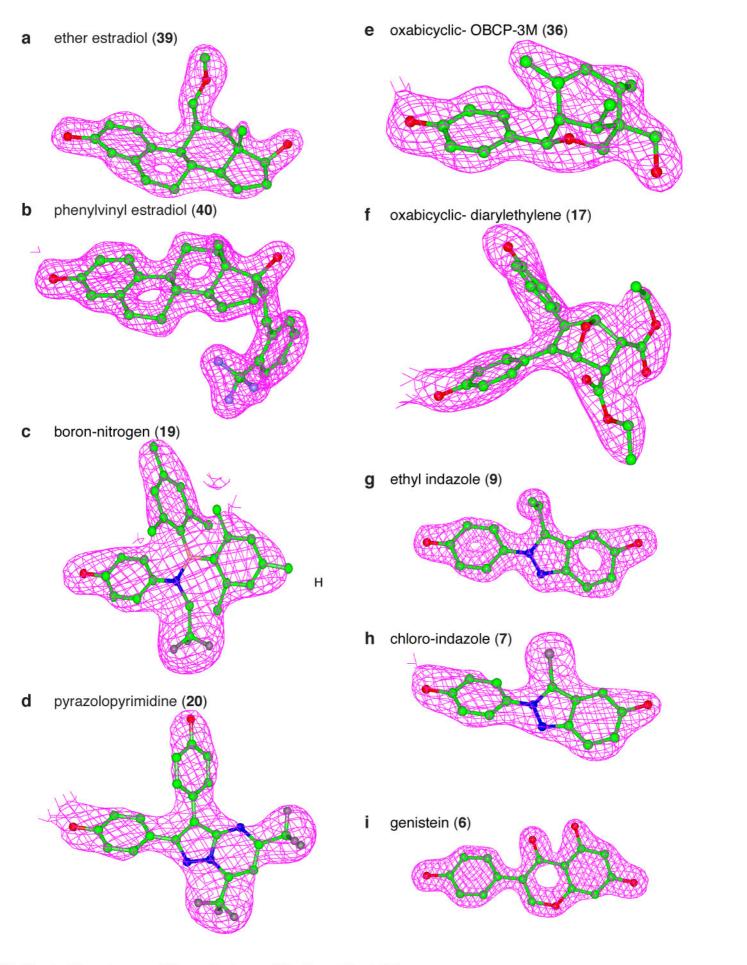
SI Fig 2. Electron Density in the Ligand-Binding Pocket of the Apo ER LBD Structure.

The structure of the mutant receptor displayed electron density that remained during refinement, shown as a 2Fo-Fc map and contoured at 1 σ . Selected amino acids in the apo ER α ligand binding pocket are shown as stick figures, with carbon atoms colored green. The structure of the methoxymethyl ether estradiol-bound ER α was superimposed, and is colored orange.



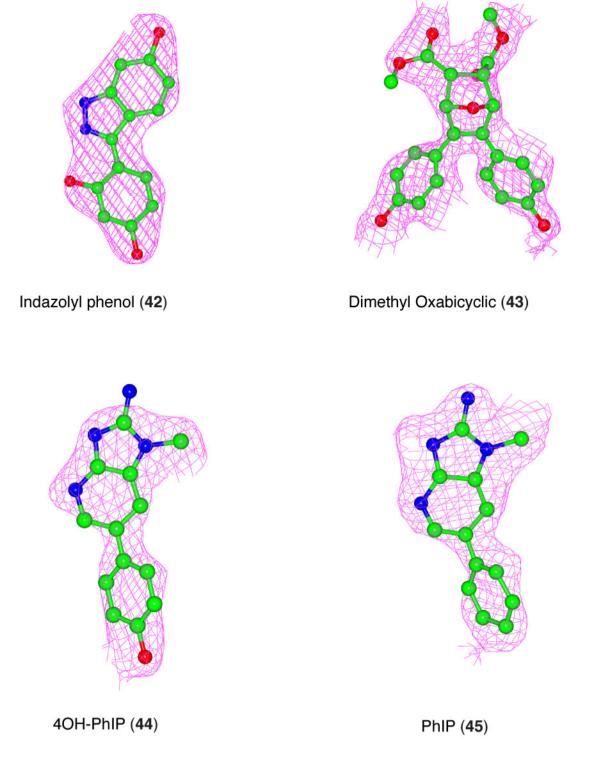
SI Fig 3. Molecular Modeling Suggests a Solvent Channel in the Progesterone Receptor.

- (a) The closed interface between helix 11 and the H7-8 loop is shown for the progesterone receptor (PDB code: 1A28), highlighting the structural conservation of this region. The ribbon trace is colored blue, and the progesterone ligand is colored green.
- (b) The Richardson rotamer library was used to model the most common positions for PR Tyr-890, revealing a common conformation that opens the conserved solvent channel.
- (c) The modeled solvent channel in PR is shown by an electrostatic rendering of the receptor, with the ligand shown as a green stick figure.



SI Fig 4. Structures of ligands bound to the ERa LBD

The indicated ligands were co-crystallized with the ERα LBD Tyr-537-Ser. Shown are the refined positions of the ligands in electron density (2Fo-Fc maps) contoured at 1.25σ. Oxygen is colored red, nitrogen blue, boron pink, and halogens are light gray.



SI Fig 5. Electron density maps of ligands soaked into apo ER

The indicated ligands were soaked into the apo-ER α crystals. Shown are the ligands docked into a 2Fo-Fc electron density map, contoured at 1.5 σ .

Supplemental Table 1. Chemical Structures

Name/Number	Structure	Reference	Characterization/purity for new compounds	
1 Tamoxifen	CH ₃ O N CH ₃	Obtained from Sigma, >99% purity, catalog # T5648	Commercially Available	
2 Estradiol	но	Obtained from Sigma, >98% purity, catalog # E8875	Commercially Available	
3 Diethylstilbesterol	H ₃ C OH CH ₃	PDB code: 3ERD		
4 Raloxifene	HO S OH	Obtained from Sigma, >99% purity, catalog #	Commercially Available	

5 ICI 182,780	HO (CH ₂) ₉ F F CF ₃	Obtained from Tocris (Ellisville, MO), >99% purity, catalog #1047	Commercially Available
6 Genistein	OH O OH	Obtained from Sigma (St Louis, MO), ≥98% purity, catalog # C6649	Commercially Available
7 Chloro-indazole	HO CI OH	Reference 1 Compound 12c	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
8 MD 193	HO CH ₃ OH	Reference 1 Compound 19b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
9 Ethyl-indazole	HO N OH	Reference 1 Compound 16b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
10 MD 202	CI N—OH	Reference 1 Compound 30	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
11 MD 242	HOOH	Reference 2 Compound 13b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication

12 MD 257	CH ₃ OH	Reference 2 Compound 16b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
13 MD 272	CF ₃ OH	Reference 2 Compound 20b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
14 MD 266	НО	Reference 2 Compound 25	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
15 MD 271	НО	Reference 2 Compound 23	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
16 Daidzein	НОООО	Obtained from Sigma (St Louis, MO), ≥98% purity, catalog # D7802	Commercially Available
17 diethyl oxabicyclic	HO CO ₂ Et	Reference 3 Compound 12d	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication

18 HZ 3-11 04A	HO SO ₃ Ph	Reference 3 Compound 12a	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
19 HZ 6-21-4	CH ₃ H ₃ C CH ₃ OH H ₃ C CH ₃ CF ₃	Reference 4 Compound 9e	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
20 Pyrazolo- pyrimidine	HO N CF3	Reference 5 Compound 24b	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
21 DC-II-296A	HO \sim	Reference 5 Compound 24c	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication

22 KSH-6-19	НО	Reference 6 Compound 8	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
23 Cyclofenil	НО	Obtained from Sigma (St Louis, MO), ≥98% purity, catalog # C3490	Commercially Available
24 KSH-5-19	HO O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -NH ₂	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 24
25 KSH-5-40	HO O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -NH-CS-NH-fluorescein	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 25
26 KSH	O-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -NH ₂	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 26

27 KSH-1-182	но ОН	Reference 7 [Supporting Information] Co(pound 2a	Known; but see also Characterization below for COMPOUND 27
28	OH CH ₂ -NH ₂	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 28
29 KSH-5-42-2	CH ₂ -NH-CS-NH-fluore	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 29
30 TWM 1.17	H ₃ C CH ₃	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 30
31 TWM 1.21	H_3C CH_3 H_3C CH_3	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 31
32 TWM 1.95	H_3C N N CH_3 CH_3	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 32

33 TWM 1.41	H_3C CH_3 H_3C CH_3	New	See Characterization below for COMPOUND 33
34 PPT	HO N N OH	Obtained from Tocris (Ellisville, MO), >99% purity, catalog # 1426	Commercially Available
35 Estren	HO, OH	Obtained from EMD- Calbiochem, > 98% purity, Catalog # 330160	Commercially Available
36 OBCP-3M	H ₃ C CH ₃ OH	Reference 8	Spectral data match reference
37 Estrone	но	Obtained from Sigma, >99% purity, catalog # E9750	Commercially Available
38 Estriol	НО	Obtained from Sigma, >98% purity, catalog # 285803	Commercially Available

39 11β-(1,1 _{ether}) estradiol	H ₃ C OH	Reference 9 Compound 43	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
40 TFMPV-Estradiol	F ₃ C OH	Reference 10	Spectral data match reference
41 11β-(1,3 _{ether}) estradiol	H ₃ C OH	Reference 9 Compound 47	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
42 Indazolyl phenol	HO N NH OH	Reference 11 Compound 6	Spectral data match reference
dimethyl oxabicyclic	HO CO ₂ Me	Reference 3 Compound 12e	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication
44 4-OH PhIP	HO NNH ₂	Reference 12	Spectral data match reference

45 PhIP	N N NH ₂	Reference 12	Spectral data match reference
46 Pyrrolidinedione oxabicycic	HO N - CH ₃	Reference 3 Compound 12f	Known; full characterization given in our prior publication

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Supplemental Table 2. Crystallographic Summary

	Dimethyl Oxabicyclic (43)	Genistein (6)	Indazolyl Phenol (42)	4OH-PhIP (44)	PhIP (45)
Data					
collection	D. 6.1.1	D. 1. 1. 1	71211	D. 1.1.1	D
Space group Cell	P1211	P1211	P1211	P1211	P1211
dimensions		pyrazolopyrin	nidine		
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	55.99,84.00,58.72	55.	,82.94,58.58	56.08,84.04,58.67	55.97,83.70,58.43
α, β, γ (°)	90.00,108.85,90.00	90.	,109.25,90.00	90.00,108.85,90.00	90.00,108.70,90.00
Resolution	10.0-2.00(2.07-	50.	2.6(2.69-	15.0-1.85(1.90-	12.0-2.3(2.35-
(Å)	2.00)*	1.8	*	1.85)*	2.30)*
$R_{ m merge}$	6.2(15.6)	4.9	53.5)	6.4(28.3)	12.0(24.1)
$I/\sigma I$	18.7(10.7)	20.	2.4)	18.8(3.7)	9.6(3.7)
Completeness (%)	89.4(92.2)	97.u(81.u)	92.3(67.5)	95.1(71.2)	88.8(86.9)
Redundancy	4.0(4.0)	3.1(2.4)	6.2(3.1)	4.3(2.5)	3.3(3.0)
Refinement					
Resolution (Å)	10.0-2.0	19.9-1.85	15-2.6	15-1.85	12-2.3
No.					
reflections					
$R_{\rm work}$ / $R_{\rm free}$	21.4/26.2	21.1/26.4	19.5/24.9	16.9/22.5	27.3/29.6
No. atoms	21. 1/20.2	21.1/20.1	19.0729	10.57=2.0	27.5727.0
Protein	4021	3905	3985	3987	3960
Ligand/ion	58	40	36	36	34
Water	159	70	41	359	5
B-factors					
Protein	20.95	48.92	42.56	27.05	31.70
Ligand/ion	52.91	28.31	64.34	82.05	46.15
Water	40.21	27.10	63.72	11.45	11.50
R.m.s.					
deviations					
Bond	0.014	0.010	0.016	0.014	0.018
lengths (Å)					
Bond	1.546	1.278	1.559	1.422	1.540
angles (°)					

Data for each structure collected from a single crystal. *Highest-resolution shell is shown in parentheses.

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Supplemental Table 1. Crystallographic Summary, continued

	apo	Ether estradiol (39)	Ethyl Indazole (9)	Chloro- Indazole (7)	Diethyl Oxabicyclic (17)
Data					
collection	D 1 01 1	D 1 01 1	D 1 01 1	D 1 01 1	D 1 01 1
Space group Cell dimensions	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1	P 1 21 1
a, b, c (Å)	54.37,80.90,58.24	58.17,83.71,56.01	56.05,84.27,58.21	55.83,83.08,58.30	55.77,81.72,58.31
<i>u</i> , <i>v</i> , <i>c</i> (11)	34.37,00.70,30.24	30.17,03.71,30.01	30.03,04.27,30.21	33.03,03.00,30.30	33.77,01.72,30.31
α, β, γ (°)	90.00, 109.68, 90.00	90.00, 108.45, 90.00	90.00, 108.48, 90.00	90.00, 109.13, 90.00	90.00, 109.90, 90.00
Resolution	30.0-2.10 (2.15-	55.0-2.15 (2.23-	50.0-2.35 (2.43-	50.0-1.86 (1.93-	20.0-2.70 (2.80-
(Å)	2.10) *	2.15) *	2.35) *	1.86) *	2.70) *
R_{merge}	6.5(39.0)	11.8(39.0)	9.7(41.5)	9.8(68.8)	11.3(54.6)
$I/\sigma I$	14.0(2.3)	8.9(1.8)	11.2(1.8)	26.9(1.9)	21.6(3.5)
Completeness (%)	94.5(94.7)	98.7(95.7)	95.7(93.6)	98.3(95.9)	97.8(98.7)
Redundancy	5.5(5.3)	3.7(3.1)	3.8(3.2)	3.6(2.8)	3.5(3.4)
Refinement					
Resolution (Å) No.	30-2.10	55-2.15	50-2.39	19.54-1.89	19.73-2.7
reflections	01 5/05 0	100/000	22.0/20.6	22 22 /2 6 2 5	20.5/20.10
$R_{\text{work}} / R_{\text{free}}$ No. atoms	21.7/27.2	19.2/23.96	23.8/29.6	22.39/26.95	20.5/29.10
Protein	3906	3993	3982	4045	3880
Ligand/ion	0	46	36	38	62
Water	30	134	216	16	3
<i>B</i> -factors					
Protein	33.30	20.11	29.99	32.02	16.49
Ligand/ion		13.98	98.56	19.74	28.83
Water	31.12	23.60	26.61	32.93	18.89
R.m.s					
deviations					
Bond	0.009	0.011	0.021	0.009	0.018
lengths (Å)					
Bond angles (°)	1.157	1.149	1.993	1.051	1.920

Data for each structure collected from a single crystal. *Highest-resolution shell is shown in parentheses.

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SUPPLEMENTAL METHODS

SYNTHETIC ROUTES TO AND SPECTROSCOPIC CHARACTERIZATION OF NEW COMPOUNDS:

COMPOUND 24:

The mixture of 4,4'-((1s,5s)-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-9-ylidenemethylene)diphenol 22 (320 mg, 1.0 mmol), (t-butyloxycarbonyl)aminoethoxy methanesulfonate (239 mg, 1.0 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (200 mg) in DMF (5.0 ml) was stirred for 2 hrs at 60 °C. To this reaction mixture was added water (20 ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 ml x 3). Ethyl acetate dried over MgSO₄ was evaporated to afford the mixture of mono-, dialkylated compounds, and starting material. This mixture was treated with 50% TFA-CH₂Cl₂ and loaded onto slicagel for chromatography after concentrating 50% TFA-CH₂Cl₂ solvent, washing the residue with water, and drying it. Elution with a ethyl acetate gave a starting materal 22. Continuous elution with a 10% MeOH-CHCl₃ provided a 4-((4-(2-aminoethoxy)phenyl)((1s,5s)-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-9-ylidene)methyl)phenol 24 (200 mg, 55%) as a colorless powder. mp 134-136 °C (dec); H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol d_4) δ 1.55-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.87 (m, 8H), 2.00-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 1H), 2.69 (s, 1H), 3.34 (t, 2H. J = 5.0 Hz), 4.20 (t, 2H. J = 5.0 Hz), 6.68 (d, 2H. J = 5.0 Hz), 6.92 (d, 4H. J = 5.0 Hz), 7.07 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz); 13 C NMR (126 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 21.51, 33.52, 33.56, 34.23, 34.33, 39.14, 64.05, 113.96, 114.51, 130.08, 130.27, 131.04, 134.50, 137.15, 144.35, 155.62, 156.57; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₃₀NO₂ (M⁺+1) 364.2277, found 364.2272, ; Elemental analysis: Calcd for C₂₄H₂₉NO₂ 1/2H₂O C 77.38, H 7.85, N 3.76, found C 74.66, H 7.56, N 4.16.

COMPOUND 25:

The mixture of 4-((4-(2-aminoethoxy)phenyl)((1s,5s)-bicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-9-ylidene)methyl)phenol (36 mg, 0.1 mmol) **24** and FITC (39 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 5% pyridine-DMF (1 ml) was stirred for 4 hrs at rt. Yellow solid was precipitated by addition of 1 N HCl (4 ml) to the mixture solution. The solid was collected by filtration and rinsed several times with 1N HCl solution. After drying, the mixture was loaded on slicagel PLC (1 mm, 20 x 20 cm). 10% MeOH-CHCl₃ was used as an eluent. Collection of yellow band (Rf = 0.5) by scratching out and extraction with same solution as an eluent gave a yellowish powder (35 mg, 47%). 1 H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 1.55-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.89 (m, 8H), 1.98-2.14 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 1H), 2.70 (s, 1H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.62 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.63-6.86 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, 4H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.93-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz); 7.14 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.29 (s, 1H); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₅H₄₁N₂O₇S (M⁺+1) 753.2634, found 753.2648

COMPOUND 26:

4-((4-(2-Aminoethoxy)phenyl)(cyclohexylidene)methyl)phenol **26** was synthesized from the 4,4'-(cyclohexylidenemethylene)diphenol **23** (280 mg, 1.0 mmol), (t-butyloxycarbonyl)aminoethoxy methanesulfonate (239 mg, 1.0 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (200 mg) as described in the synthesis of compound **24**. mp 152-154 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 1.51-1.65 (m, 6H), 2.18-2.29 (m, 4H), 3.12 (t, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.05 (t, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.68 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.86 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.87 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.99 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 26.80, 28.59, 32.30, 40.05, 66.97, 113.88, 114.46, 130.65, 130.78, 134.11, 134.65, 137.19, 137.85, 155.56, 156.55;MS (ESI) m/z 324.4 (M*+1); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}NO_2$ (M*+1) 324.1963, found 324.1964; Elemental analysis: Calcd for $C_{21}H_{25}NO_2$ 0.8H₂O C74.66, H7.46, N4.15, found C 74.66, H 7.56, N 4.16

COMOUND 27:

mp 138-140 °C (dec.); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.93 (s, 3H), 1.25-2.81 (m, 15H), 6.47 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.53 (dd, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.09 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.60 (d, 2H, J = 10.5 Hz), 7.87 (d, 2H, J = 10.5Hz), 9.97 (s, 1H, aldehyde); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.09, 23.15, 26.64, 27.40, 29.82, 33.33, 39.26, 39.65, 43.85, 47.98, 50.15, 66.10, 85.48, 97.21, 110.00, 112.94, 115.48, 126.80, 129.79, 132.43, 132.63, 135.68, 138.47, 191.78; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{28}O_3$ (M⁺) 400.203845, found 400.203872; Elemental analysis: Calcd for $C_{27}H_{28}O_3$ 1.0 H₂O C 77.48, H 6.74, found C 77.80, H 6.74.

COMPOUND 28:

The mixture of 4-(t-butyloxycarbonylaminomethyl)iodobenzene (167 mg, 0.5 mmol), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (5 mole %), and CuI (5 mole %) in triethylamine (20 ml) was added 17α -ethynylestradiol (148 mg, 0.5 mmol) under argon atmosphere at rt. This reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hrs at the same temperature. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with 50% TFA-CH₂Cl₂ and subsequently loaded on the silicagel column chromatography. Elution with ethyl acetate gave unreacted 17α -ethynylestradiol. Elution with a 5% MeOH-CHCl₃ afforded (13S,16S,17S)-16-((4-(aminomethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-

cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene-3,17-diol (150 mg, 75%) **28** as an colorless powder. mp 143-145 °C (dec.); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 0.89 (s, 3H), 1.25-2.81 (m, 15H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 6.46 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.54 (dd, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 2H, J = 10.5 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 10.5Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.30, 22.69, 26.59, 27.45, 29.49, 33.21, 38.78, 39.95, 43.98, 45.11, 49.96, 60.36, 79.66, 85.05, 93.14, 112.62, 114.93, 122.13, 126.14, 127.41, 131.29, 131.49, 137.64, 142.19, 154.79; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₃₂NO₂ (M⁺) 402.2433, found 402.2426; Elemental analysis: Calcd for C₂₇H₃₁NO₂ ·1.5H₂O C 75.67, H 7.29, N 3.27; found C 75.28, H 7.31, N 3.24

COMPOUND 29:

(13S,16S,17S)-16-((4-[4'-Thioureidofluoresceinyl]-aminomethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene-3,17-diol **29** was synthesized from (13S,16S,17S)-16-((4-(aminomethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)-13-methyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthrene-3,17-diol **28** (40 mg, 0.1 mmol) and FITC (39 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 5% pyridine-DMF (1 ml) as described in the synthesis of **25**. 1 H NMR (500 MHz, Methanol-d₄) δ 0.92 (s, 3H), 4.63 (s, 2H, Benzyl CH₂), 6.47 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz), 6.53 (dd, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.59 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.69 (s, 2H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 7.10 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.42 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.14 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.47 (s, 1H); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₈H₄₃N₂O₇S (M⁺+1) 791.2791, found 791.2789;

GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR SYNTHESIS OF SYMMETRICALLY SUBSTITUTED BENZIMIDAZOLONES:

In a glove bag filled with N_2 , a suspension of sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, Aldrich—2.2 equivalents) was weighed into a flame-dried three-neck flask. The flask was evacuated and back-filled with N_2 three times. DMF (Aldrich Biotech grade, < 0.005% water) was added to the flask, followed by 2-hydroxybenzimidazole (1.0 equivalents, Aldrich, 97%). The mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for one-half hour. Alkyl halide (2.0 equivalents) was added to the flask and stirred at ambient temperature (alkyl bromide) or 80 °C (alkyl chloride) overnight. The reaction was quenched by pouring into water and extracting three times with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered by gravity filtration. The solvents were evaporated by rotary evaporation, and the crude product was dried under high vacuum.

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COMPOUND 30:

1,3-Bis-(3-methylbutyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one. Benzimidazolone **30** was prepared according to the general procedure for the synthesis of symmetrically substituted benzimidazolones. Flash column chromatography (heptane:EtOAc, 6:1 v/v, R_f =0.35) afforded

the product as white crystals (360 mg, 35%): mp 49-51 °C; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\bar{\delta}$ 7.10-7.07/7.00-6.96 (AA'XX', 4H), 3.89 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 6H), 0.98 (d, 12H, J = 6.4 Hz); 13 C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃) $\bar{\delta}$ 154.1, 129.4, 120.8, 107.5, 39.4, 37.0, 25.8, 22.4; LRMS (EI, 70 eV): 274.3 (M $^{+}$, 100%), 217 (50%), 162 (49%); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₇H₂₆N₂O, 274.2045; found, 274.2048; analysis (calcd., found for C₁₇H₂₆N₂O): C (74.41,74.56), H (9.55,9.90), N (10.21,10.16).

COMPOUND 31:

1,3-Bis-(4-methylpentyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one. Benzimidazolone **31** was prepared according to the general procedure for the synthesis of symmetrically substituted benzimidazolones. Flash column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 3:1 v/v, R_f =0.44) afforded the product as a clear yellow oil (358 mg, 64%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.11-7.07/7.01-6.96 (AA'XX', 4H), 3.86 (t, 4H, J = 7.32 Hz), 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.58 (nonet, 2H, J = 6.59 Hz), 1.26 (m, 4H), 0.88 (d, 12H, J = 6.59 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.1, 129.4, 120.8, 107.5, 41.3, 35.8, 27.7, 26.3, 22.5; LRMS (EI, 70 eV): 302.3 (M⁺, 100%), 231.2 (41%), 218.2 (40%); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{27}H_{30}N_2O$, 302.2358; found, 302.2351.

COMPOUND 32:

1,3-Bis-(2-ethylbutyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one. Benzimidazolone **32** was prepared according to the general procedure for the synthesis of benzimidazolones. Flash column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 3:1 v/v, R_f =0.48) afforded the product as an off-white waxy solid (138 mg, 30%): mp 28-29 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): \bar{o} 7.08-7.06/6.99-6.97 (AA'XX', 4H), 3.77 (d, 4H, J = 7.57 Hz), 1.86 (septet, 2H, J = 6.39 Hz), 1.37 (quintet, 8H, J = 7.26 Hz), 0.92 (d, 12H, J = 7.45 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): \bar{o} 155.1, 130.1, 121.0, 108.0. 45.0, 40.0, 23.6 10.9;LRMS (EI, 70 eV): 302.3 (M⁺, 68%), 231.2 (66%), 218.2 (100%); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{19}H_{30}N_2O$, 302.2358; found, 302.2353; analysis (calcd., found for $C_{19}H_{30}N_2O$): C (75.45, 75.40), H (10.00, 10.37), N (9.26, 9.31).

COMPOUND 33:

1-(4-i-Propylbenzyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one. Sodium hydride (1.0 equivalent, Aldrich, 60% in mineral oil) was added to a dry 2-necked round-bottom flask, which was evacuated and charged with N₂ three times. DMF (Fisher Reagent Grade) was added to the flask, followed by 1-(1-methylethenyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one (1.0 equivalent, prepared as described by Meth-Cohn and Smith¹). This mixture was allowed to stir for thirty minutes. 4-Isopropylbenzyl bromide (1.0 equivalent) was added to the flask and stirred overnight at ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched by adding sulfuric acid (9 M, 4.0 equivalents). This solution was allowed to stir at ambient temperature overnight. The solution was poured into water and cooled. The resultant off-white powder was filtered and used without further purification. (470 mg, 88%): mp 170-171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.47 (s, 1H, N*H*), 7.29-7.27/7.19-7.17 (AA'XX', 4H), 7.15-6.91 (m, 4H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 2.88 (septuplet, 1H, J=6.84 Hz), 1.22 (d, 6H, J=7.08 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.8, 148.3, 133.5, 130.2, 127.4, 126.8, 121.6, 121.3, 109.7, 108.5, 44.3, 33.8, 23.9; LRMS (EI, 70 eV): 266.2 (M⁺, 57%), 133.1 (100%); HRMS (EI): calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O 266.1419, found 266.1418.

1-(4-*i***-Propylbenzyl)-3-(4-methylpentyl)-1,3-dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one.** Sodium hydride (1.1 equivalents, Aldrich, 60% in mineral oil) was placed in a dry 2-necked round-bottom flask, which was evacuated and back-filled with N_2 three times. DMF (Fisher Reagent Grade) was added to the flask, followed by the previously prepared 1-(4-i-propylbenzyl)-1,3-

¹ Meth-Cohn, O.; Smith, D. I. N-bridged heterocycles. Part 5. α ,ω-Bis-(2-oxobenzimidazolinyl)alkanes and ethers as selective ligands for Group IA and IIA metals. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans.* 1 **1982**, 1, 261-270.

dihydrobenzimidazol-2-one (1.0 equivalent). The mixture was allowed to stir for thirty minutes, and 4-methylpentyl bromide (1.0 equivalent) was added to the flask. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight under an atmosphere of N_2 and was quenched by pouring into water and extracting three times with organic solvent (EtOAc). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered by gravity filtration. The solvents were evaporated by rotary evaporation, and the crude product was dried under high vacuum. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc, 6:1 v/v, R_f =0.29) afforded the product as a yellow waxy solid (83 mg, 63%): mp 51-52 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26-7.24/7.17-7.15 (AA'XX', 4H), 7.08-6.98/6.92-6.90 (m, 4H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 3.89 (t, 2H, J = 7.50 Hz), 2.86, (septuplet, 1H, J = 6.93 Hz), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.59 (septuplet, 1H, J = 6.69 Hz), 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, 6H, J = 6.86 Hz), 0.88 (d, 6H, J = 6.65 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 148.3, 133.9, 129.6, 129.4, 127.6, 126.8, 121.1, 121.0, 108.3, 107.7, 44.6, 41.5, 35.9, 33.8, 27.8, 26.3, 24.0, 22.5; LRMS (EI, 70 eV): 350.3 (M⁺, 59%), 133.1 (100%); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₂₃H₃₀N₂O, 350.2358; found, 350.2358.